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US History

IMMIGRATION AND THE PROGRESSIVE ERA PROJECT

The **Progressive Era** (1890-1930) was a period of great reform and change. Large numbers of immigrants flowed into the United States, and the living and working conditions they experienced were appalling. Some Americans (a word which was shifting in definition) began to take notice and started advocating for changes in housing, politics, the economy, and morality. These people began crusades against what they perceived to be injustice, unfairness, and moral wrong in America.

Important questions emerged for the United States in this time such as “What does it mean to be ‘American’?” “Should there be those who aren’t allowed to immigrate to America?” “What should the role of the government be in fighting poverty among immigrants?”

For this assignment, you will:

- Create a project of your choosing and present it to the class (5 min). It must focus on a hardship faced by immigrants and the reform that aimed to fix it.
- Create a fictional character to provide a perspective on this time period

Challenges and Reforms to choose from:

- Poor Working Conditions and Labor Unions (fair wages, maximum hours, strikes, boycotts)
- Poor Working Conditions and Child Labor Reform
- Poor Living Conditions and Housing Reform
- Gender Inequality and Women’s Suffrage
- Nativism and Racial Equality (NAACP)

Project Ideas to choose from:

Film: 3-4 minutes long

Essay: 2-3 pages (4 for Honors)

Journal/Blog: 5 full entries on living experience

Song: 3-4 minutes long

Radio Broadcast: 5 minutes long

Comic Strip: 20-25 Frames

Boardgame: board, rules, explanation

Travel Brochures: 5 bi or tri folds

Newscast: 5 minute episode

Other? Just clear with Findler first

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Country of Origin– choose one:

Germany Russia Italy Ireland Scotland

Austria Lithuania Poland Sweden Norway

Lebanon Syria China

Religion: Jewish Protestant Christian Catholic Christian Muslim Other

Gender: Male Female

Age: 0 – 16 17 – 25 26 – 40 41 – 65 65+

City and State:

Do you have siblings? Ages/Names?

Do you have hopes and aspirations for a job or family?

Do you know English?

Are you married?

What makes you different from other people you know?

What hardships do you think you will face in America?

What opportunities do you think you will have in America?

Project Rubric:

The project demonstrates full understanding of specific hardship faced _____/5

The project demonstrates full understanding of the Progressive Reform to combat this hardship _____/5

The project meets the deadlines _____/5

The presentation is compelling and convincing _____/5

The presentation gives 2 sources _____/5

TOTAL _____/25 (x2)